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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Advisory Action dated July 11, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.